choose or sort out skins, cause those at home, who would otherwise buy, to be put off with inferior skins so that foreign wares are come to be preferred to English

20th February THE SCOTTISH KING'S POOR ESIAH

From Scotland it is reported that the King is m some penl of surprise *by* the Earls of Arroll, Moray and Athol which will not be prevented because the King is of such a disposition that he will not believe such matters until they ai e too evident, nor will he be restrained fiom the fields or in his pastime, foi any respect Such dangers might be avoided if the King had a guard, but this he is not by any means able to maintain, for his table and the Queen's are almost unserved thiough want The Queen and her house are more costly to him than his own, all the servants of great place abuse him, serving one another's turn, and the King, being over frank and somewhat negligent, endureth this want and shame, for he hath nothing that he accounteth certain to come into his purse but what he receiveth from her Majesty

26th February HARINGTON'S [c] ORLANDO FURIOSO '

The English translation of *Orlando Funoso* upon which Mr John Hanngton hath been long employed is this day entered for the press by Richard Field, the printer

It is said that Mr Hanngton first translated that story of Giacondo in the twenty-eighth book, in which are told the adventures of Jocundo and Faustus who discovered their wives to be false, and ranged over Europe to see if anywhere was to be found a faithful dame But after their wanderings, having tried many ladies, and being at length beguiled even in their own bed by their maid Fiametta, they concluded that

fidelity was no part of woman's nature

* We had a thousand women prov'd before
And none of them denied our request,
Nor would and if we tried ten thousand more,
But this one trial passeth all the rest
Let us not then condemn our wives so sore,
That are as chaste and honest as the best,
Sith they be as all other women be,
Let us turn home and with them well agree ?